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SUBJECT: RADIO FREE ASIA

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1. OUR BEST INFORMATION IS THAT RADIO FREE ASIA IS NOW DEFUNCT. RFA ACCORDING MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION BEGAN OPERATION IN 1966, BROADCASTING ANTI-COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY. IT WAS BACKED BY KOREAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION WHICH BEST KNOWN AS SPONSOR OF "LITTLE ANGELS," AND NOW ASSOCIATED WITH REV. MOON SUN JUNG'S RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT.

2. MCUI SAYS RFA CEASED KOREAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS IN 1972 AND CHINESE IN 1973. UNAWARE ANY VIETNAMESE. ALL POST FILES ON RFA BEFORE 1971 HAVE BEEN RETIRED BUT CORPORATE RECOLLECTION OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED HERE FOR MORE THAN ONE TOUR IS THAT ORGANIZATION HAS QUESTIONABLE PAST DESPITE HIGH LEVEL NAMES APPEARING ON LETTERHEAD. RFA FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES IN PAST HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY QUESTIONABLE. WE CAN SEE NO USEFULNESS IN LEAGUE OF FAMILIES TIE WITH RFA ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FACT WE CANNOT ESTABLISH THAT ANY ORGANIZATION WITH SIMILAR NAME IS BROADCASTING IN VIETNAMESE AND IN VIEW OF MCUI INFORMATION THAT IT NOW DEFUNCT. SNEIDER

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